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SUBJ: PRC-JAPAN FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN MAR. 3 CONVERSATION WITH E/C COUNS. FISHERIES AGENCY COUNCILLOR YONEZAWA SAID THAT ONE REASON HE ANTICIPATES LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS ON PRC FISHERIES AGREEMENT IS THAT PRC WILL BE AWAITING OUTCOME OF LOW SESSION IN GENEVA AND WILL WANT TO AVOID PREJUDICING ITS LOW POSITIONS ON TERRITORIAL WATERS AND ECONOMIC ZONES IN TALKS WITH JAPAN. ACCORDING YONEZAWA, STRONGEST PRESSURES ON JAPANESE SIDE TO REACH EARLY AGREEMENT COME FROM SMALL FISHERMEN UNAFFECTED BY NO-TRAWLING ZONES AND VESSEL SIZE AND HORSEPOWER LIMITATIONS, MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THOSE IN PRESENT PRIVATE-LEVEL ACCORD, WHICH PRC IS DEMANDING AS PRICE FOR GOVERNMENT-LEVEL AGREEMENT.

2. YONEZAWA STATED THAT WHILE PRC DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION OFF-LIMITS MILITARY ZONE ON HIGH SEAS IS OBJECTIONABLE
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TO JAPAN ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES, POHAI BAY AREA IN

QUESTION IS NOT A SIGNIFICANT FISHING GROUND. HE ADDED
THAT NO-TRAWLING ZONES PROPOSED BY PRC NOT LARGE ENOUGH
TO POSE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO REACHING AGREEMENT.

3. FONOFF OFFICIALS ALSO HAVE INDICATED TO EMBASSY THAT
THEY BELIEVE LOS DEVELOPMENTS TO BE MORE SIGNIFICANT
CAUSE OF DELAY IN NEGOTIATIONS THAN RESOLUTION OF POHAI
BAY ISSUE.
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